



# Classification of non-Riemannian generalized metrics in Double Field Theory

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Talk based on:

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**“Classification of non-Riemannian  
doubled-yet-gauged spacetime.”**

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**“Kaluza-Klein reduction on a maximally  
non-Riemannian space is moduli-free.”**

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# (Partial) motivation

- Generalized geometry naturally accommodates **Riemannian** geometry  $g_{\mu\nu}$
- Recently, some **non-Riemannian** (nR) geometries have known a surge of interest:
  - **Newton-Cartan geometry**  $h^{\mu\nu}\psi_\nu = 0$ 
    - Cartan (23'), Friedrichs (27'), Trautman (63'), Havas (64')  
Dombrowski, Horneffer (68'), Künzle (72'), Ehlers (81')
    - ✓ **Quantum Hall effect** Son (13')
    - ✓ **Lifshitz/Schrödinger holography** Hartong et al. (13')  
Bergshoeff et al. (14')
    - ✓ **Hořava-Lifshitz gravity** Hartong et al. (15'), Afshar et al. (15')
    - ✓ **Non-relativistic supergravity** Andringa et al. (13')
  - **Carroll geometry**  $\gamma_{\mu\nu}\xi^\nu = 0$ 
    - Henneaux (79'), Duval et al. (14')
    - ✓ **BMS group** Duval et al. (14')
    - ✓ **Flat holography** Hartong (15'), Bagchi et al. (16')
    - ✓ **Hydrodynamics** Ciambelli et al. (18')
- Double Field Theory may provide a framework to account for these nR geometries.

# Double Field Theory

## Stringy geometry

- Spacetime is doubled, with coordinates  $X^A$  where  $A \in \{1, \dots, 2D\}$
- Section condition  $\partial^A \phi \partial_A \psi = 0$
- $\mathbf{O(D,D)}$  invariant metric  $\mathcal{J}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- Generalized Lie derivative  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X Y^A = X^C \partial_C Y^A + (\partial^A X_C - \partial_C X^A) Y^C$
- C-bracket  $[X, Y]_{\mathbf{C}}^A = X^B \partial_B Y^A - Y^B \partial_B X^A + \frac{1}{2} Y^B \partial^A X_B - \frac{1}{2} X^B \partial^A Y_B$

$$[\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X, \hat{\mathcal{L}}_Y] \sim \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{[X, Y]_{\mathbf{C}}}$$

$\sim$  :up to section condition

# Double Field Theory

Generalized metric  $\mathcal{H}_{AB}$

→ Defining conditions  $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_{BA}$  ,  $\mathcal{H}_A{}^B \mathcal{H}_B{}^C = \delta_A{}^C$  where  $\mathcal{H}_A{}^B := \mathcal{H}_{AC} \mathcal{J}^{CB}$   
**Symmetric** **O(D,D)**

→ Under the split  $X^A = (\tilde{x}_\mu, x^\mu)$ :  $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}^{\mu\nu} & \mathcal{H}^{\mu\lambda} \\ \mathcal{H}_{\kappa\nu} & \mathcal{H}_{\kappa\lambda} \end{pmatrix}$   $A \in \{1, \dots, 2D\}$   
 $\mu \in \{1, \dots, D\}$

the above constraints read:  $\mathcal{H}^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{H}^{\nu\mu}$  ,  $\mathcal{H}^{(\mu}{}_\rho \mathcal{H}^{\nu)\rho} = 0$   
 $\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{H}_{\nu\mu}$  ,  $\mathcal{H}_{\rho(\mu} \mathcal{H}^{\rho}{}_{\nu)} = 0$   
 $\mathcal{H}_\mu{}^\nu = \mathcal{H}^\nu{}_\mu$  ,  $\mathcal{H}^\mu{}_\rho \mathcal{H}^{\rho}{}_\nu + \mathcal{H}^{\mu\rho} \mathcal{H}_{\rho\nu} = \delta^\mu{}_\nu$   
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**Question:** What is the most general solution to this set of equations?

# Main result

## Classification of Generalized metrics

**Proposition:** ● Generalized metrics of DFT are classified by two non-negative integers  $(n, \bar{n})$  such that  $0 \leq n + \bar{n} \leq D$

● The most general  $(n, \bar{n})$  DFT Generalized metric takes the form:

$$\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} H^{\mu\nu} & -H^{\mu\sigma} B_{\sigma\lambda} + Y_i^\mu X_\lambda^i - \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu \bar{X}_\lambda^{\bar{i}} \\ B_{\kappa\rho} H^{\rho\nu} + X_\kappa^i Y_i^\nu - \bar{X}_{\bar{\kappa}}^{\bar{i}} \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\nu & K_{\kappa\lambda} - B_{\kappa\rho} H^{\rho\sigma} B_{\sigma\lambda} + 2X_{(\kappa}^i B_{\lambda)\rho} Y_i^\rho - 2\bar{X}_{(\bar{\kappa}}^{\bar{i}} B_{\bar{\lambda})\rho} \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\rho \end{pmatrix}$$

→ **Symmetries**  $H^{\mu\nu} = H^{\nu\mu}$  ,  $K_{\mu\nu} = K_{\nu\mu}$  ,  $B_{\mu\nu} = -B_{\nu\mu}$

→ **Kernels**  $H^{\mu\nu} X_\nu^i = 0$  ,  $K_{\mu\nu} Y_i^\nu = 0$   $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  Both  $H^{\mu\nu}$  and  $K_{\mu\nu}$   
 $H^{\mu\nu} \bar{X}_\nu^{\bar{i}} = 0$  ,  $K_{\mu\nu} \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\nu = 0$   $\bar{i} \in \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$  have kernel of  
dimension  $n + \bar{n}$

→ **Completeness**  $H^{\mu\rho} K_{\rho\nu} + Y_i^\mu X_\nu^i + \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu \bar{X}_\nu^{\bar{i}} = \delta^\mu_\nu$

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$$\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ B & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H & Y_i(X^i)^T - \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}(\bar{X}^{\bar{i}})^T \\ X^i(Y_i)^T - \bar{X}^{\bar{i}}(\bar{Y}_{\bar{i}})^T & K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -B \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

● The following transformation leaves the metric invariant:

$$Y_i^\mu \xrightarrow{V} Y_i^\mu + H^{\mu\nu} V_{\nu i}$$

Two sets of local parameters  $V_{\mu i}$  and  $\bar{V}_{\mu \bar{i}}$

$$\bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu \xrightarrow{V} \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu + H^{\mu\nu} \bar{V}_{\nu \bar{i}}$$

$$K_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{V} K_{\mu\nu} - 2X_{(\mu}^i K_{\nu)\rho} H^{\rho\sigma} V_{\sigma i} - 2\bar{X}_{(\mu}^{\bar{i}} K_{\nu)\rho} H^{\rho\sigma} \bar{V}_{\sigma \bar{i}} + (X_\mu^i V_{\rho i} + \bar{X}_\mu^{\bar{i}} \bar{V}_{\rho \bar{i}}) H^{\rho\sigma} (X_\nu^j V_{\sigma j} + \bar{X}_\nu^{\bar{j}} \bar{V}_{\sigma \bar{j}})$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{V} B_{\mu\nu} - 2X_{[\mu}^i V_{\nu]i} + 2\bar{X}_{[\mu}^{\bar{i}} \bar{V}_{\nu]\bar{i}} + 2X_{[\mu}^i \bar{X}_{\nu]}^{\bar{i}} (Y_i^\rho \bar{V}_{\rho \bar{i}} + \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\rho V_{\rho i} + V_{\rho i} H^{\rho\sigma} \bar{V}_{\sigma \bar{i}})$$

Note that  $H^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $X_\mu^i$  and  $\bar{X}_\mu^{\bar{i}}$  are invariant.

# Examples (0,0) case: Generalized Geometry

Denoting  $H^{\mu\nu} \equiv g^{\mu\nu}$  and  $K_{\mu\nu} \equiv g_{\mu\nu}$ , the  $(n, \bar{n}) = (0, 0)$  generalized metric reads:

$$\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{\mu\nu} & -g^{\mu\sigma} B_{\sigma\lambda} \\ B_{\kappa\rho} g^{\rho\nu} & g_{\kappa\lambda} - B_{\kappa\rho} g^{\rho\sigma} B_{\sigma\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } g^{\mu\lambda} g_{\lambda\nu} = \delta^{\mu}_{\nu}$$

- Conditions for  $O(D,D)$
- $g_{\mu\nu}$  is a (pseudo)-Riemannian metric
- $B_{\mu\nu}$  is a 2-form
- Invariance
- None

Only case including a Riemannian metric.  
Other cases will be qualified as non-Riemannian.

# Examples (1,0) case: Generalized Newton-Cartan geometry

Denoting  $H^{\mu\nu} \equiv h^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $X_\mu \equiv \psi_\mu$ ,  $Y^\mu \equiv N^\mu$  and  $K_{\mu\nu} \equiv \overset{N}{\gamma}_{\mu\nu}$ ,  
the (1,0)generalized metric reads:

$$\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} h^{\mu\nu} & -h^{\mu\sigma} \overset{N}{B}_{\sigma\lambda} + N^\mu \psi_\lambda \\ \overset{N}{B}_{\kappa\rho} h^{\rho\nu} + \psi_\kappa N^\nu & \overset{N}{\gamma}_{\kappa\lambda} - \overset{N}{B}_{\kappa\rho} h^{\rho\sigma} \overset{N}{B}_{\sigma\lambda} + 2\psi_{(\kappa} \overset{N}{B}_{\lambda)\rho} N^\rho \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Conditions for O(D,D)**

- $(h^{\mu\nu}, \psi_\mu)$  is a **Leibnizian metric structure**
- $N^\mu$  is a **field of observers**
- $\overset{N}{\gamma}_{\mu\nu}$  is the **transverse metric associated to**  $N^\mu$
- $\overset{N}{B}_{\mu\nu}$  is a **2-form**

- where:
- $h^{\mu\nu} \psi_\nu = 0$
  - $\overset{N}{\gamma}_{\mu\nu} N^\nu = 0$
  - $\psi_\mu N^\mu = 1$
  - $h^{\mu\nu} \overset{N}{\gamma}_{\mu\nu} + N^\mu \psi_\nu = \delta^\mu_\nu$

- **Invariance**

- **Milne boost of**  $(N^\mu, \overset{N}{\gamma}_{\mu\nu}, \overset{N}{B}_{\mu\nu})$



# Examples (D-1,0) case: Generalized Carroll geometry

Denoting  $H^{\mu\nu} \equiv \xi^\mu \xi^\nu$ ,  $K_{\mu\nu} \equiv A_\mu A_\nu$ ,  $\gamma_{\mu\nu} \equiv X_\mu^i Y_\nu^j \delta_{ij}$  and  $h^{\mu\nu} \equiv Y_i^\mu Y_j^\nu \delta^{ij}$  the  $(D-1, 0)$  generalized metric reads:

$$\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi^\mu \xi^\nu & -\xi^\mu \xi^\sigma \overset{A}{B}_{\sigma\lambda} + h^{\mu\sigma} \gamma_{\sigma\lambda} \\ \overset{A}{B}_{\kappa\rho} \xi^\rho \xi^\nu + \gamma_{\kappa\sigma} \overset{A}{h}^{\sigma\nu} & A_\kappa A_\lambda - \overset{A}{B}_{\kappa\rho} \xi^\rho \xi^\sigma \overset{A}{B}_{\sigma\lambda} + 2 \gamma_{\sigma(\kappa} \overset{A}{B}_{\lambda)\rho} \overset{A}{h}^{\rho\sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Conditions for O(D,D)**

- $(\gamma_{\mu\nu}, \xi^\mu)$  is a **Carrollian metric structure**

- $A_\mu$  is an **Ehresmann connection**

- $\overset{A}{h}^{\mu\nu}$  is the **transverse cometric associated to**  $A_\mu$

- $\overset{A}{B}_{\mu\nu}$  is a **2-form**

where: ●  $\overset{A}{h}^{\mu\nu} A_\nu = 0$

- $\gamma_{\mu\nu} \xi^\nu = 0$

- $A_\mu \xi^\mu = 1$

- $\overset{A}{h}^{\mu\lambda} \gamma_{\lambda\nu} + \xi^\mu A_\nu = \delta^\mu_\nu$

- **Invariance**

- **Carroll boost of**  $(A, \overset{A}{h}^{\mu\nu}, \overset{A}{B}_{\mu\nu})$

# Applications

## Particle and string dynamics $(n, \bar{n})$

### Free particle DFT action

Ko, Park, Suh (16')

$$S_{\text{particle}} = \int d\tau e^{-1} D_\tau x^A D_\tau x^B \mathcal{H}_{AB}(x) - \frac{1}{4} m^2 e \quad \text{with} \quad D_\tau x^A := \dot{x}^A - \mathcal{A}_\tau^A$$

- **Two Lagrange multipliers**  $\lambda_i := Y_i^\mu \mathcal{A}_{\tau\mu}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_{\bar{i}} := \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu \mathcal{A}_{\tau\mu}$
- **Freezing of « timelike » directions**  $X_\mu^i \dot{x}^\mu = 0$ ,  $\bar{X}_{\bar{\mu}}^{\bar{i}} \dot{x}^\mu = 0$

### Free string DFT action

Hull (06'), Lee, Park (13')

$$S_{\text{string}} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\sigma \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-h} h^{\alpha\beta} D_\alpha x^A D_\beta x^B \mathcal{H}_{AB}(x) + \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} D_\alpha x^A \mathcal{A}_{\beta A}, \quad D_\alpha x^A := \partial_\alpha x^A - \mathcal{A}_\alpha^A$$

- **Chirality of « timelike » directions**  $\lambda_i := Y_i^\mu \mathcal{A}_{\tau\mu}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_{\bar{i}} := \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu \mathcal{A}_{\tau\mu}$

$$X_\mu^i \left( \partial_\alpha x^\mu + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-h}} \epsilon_\alpha^\beta \partial_\beta x^\mu \right) = 0 \quad , \quad \bar{X}_{\bar{\mu}}^{\bar{i}} \left( \partial_\alpha x^\mu - \frac{1}{\sqrt{-h}} \epsilon_\alpha^\beta \partial_\beta x^\mu \right) = 0$$

$n$  **Chiral**  $\bar{n}$  **Anti-chiral**

# Conclusion

## ● Full classification of DFT Generalized metrics

- **Examples include:**
- ✓ (0,0) Generalized geometry
- ✓ (1,0) Newton-Cartan geometry
- ✓ (D-1,0) Carroll geometry
- ✓ (D,0) Siegel's string
- ✓ (1,1) Gomis-Ooguri Non-Relativistic string
- **Particle and string dynamics**
- **Freezing/chirality of *timelike* directions**
- **Double vielbein formulation for  $(n, \bar{n})$**

## ● Kaluza-Klein ansatz for DFT c.f. J-H. Park's talk

- **Applications include:**
- ✓ DFT avatar of the light-like reduction formalism of Duval et al. (85')
- ✓ Full DFT formulation of Newton-Cartan and Carroll particle dynamics
- ✓ Reduction of DFT action to Heterotic DFT
- ✓ Reduction of DFT string action to heterotic string

## ➔ Perspectives

- ➔ Dynamical DFT equations for  $(n, \bar{n})$
- ➔ Application to string compactification



In memory of Christian Duval

Thank You

# Kaluza-Klein ansatz for DFT

The DFT Kaluza-Klein ansatz splits the ambient doubled coordinates:

$$\hat{D} = D' + D$$

and metrics:

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{J}' & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{J} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \exp[\hat{W}] \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}' & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{H} \end{pmatrix} \exp[\hat{W}^{\mathbf{T}}]$$

- **Ambient**  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  ,  $\hat{\mathcal{J}}$
- **Internal**  $\mathcal{H}'$  ,  $\mathcal{J}'$
- **External**  $\mathcal{H}$  ,  $\mathcal{J}$

where  $\hat{W} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -W^{\mathbf{T}} \\ W & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is the *graviphoton* satisfying:

$$W_A{}^{A'} W^{AB'} = 0 , \quad W^A{}_{A'} \partial_A = 0$$

(sets half of the components to zero)

# Application

## Heterotic DFT action

K. Cho, K. M., J-H. Park (18')

Plugging into the  $\hat{D} = D' + D$  DFT action  $\hat{S}_{(0)}$

- **Maximally non-Riemannian internal space**  $\mathcal{H}'_{A'B'} = \mathcal{J}'_{A'B'}$
- **DFT Scherk-Schwarz twist** M. Grana, D. Marques (12'), W. Cho *et al.* (15')

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S}_{(0)} = & S_{(0)} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{H}^{AC} \mathcal{H}^{BD} F_{AB}{}^{\dot{A}} F_{CDA} \\ & - \frac{1}{12} \mathcal{H}^{AD} \mathcal{H}^{BE} \mathcal{H}^{CF} \omega_{ABC} \omega_{DEF} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{H}^{AD} \mathcal{H}^{BE} \mathcal{H}^{CF} \omega_{ABC} \mathcal{H}_{[D}{}^G \partial_E \mathcal{H}_{F]G} \end{aligned}$$

Upon choosing the Riemannian parameterization for  $\mathcal{H}_{AB}$ ,  $\hat{S}_{(0)}$  reduces to the heterotic supergravity action.

### DFT Heterotic action

- with
- $F_{AB}{}^{\dot{C}}$  Yang-Mills (non-abelian)
  - $\omega_{ABC}$  Chern-Simons
  - **Non-Riemannian internal space is rigid:**  $\delta \mathcal{H}'_{A'B'} = 0$
  - **Prevents the appearance of any graviscalar**
  - **Moduli-free Kaluza-Klein reduction**